"I AM NOT A DRUG TRAFFICKER", Says Jose Guerra

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, August 12, 2009:

Jose Guerra states: “I am a Belizean taxi driver living in Benque Viejo Town, Cayo. On July 21, 2009 at around 5:00 p.m., my services was requested to transport two male persons from Benque Viejo to San Ignacio town. I picked them up near the Woodland Resort in Benque. I also picked up two female passengers in Benque Viejo Town. One of them was traveling to the village of San Jose Succotz and the other was heading to San Ignacio, the two male persons and one of the females sat in the back seat of the car. I dropped off the first female passenger in Succotz and requested for the other female to take up the front seat vacated by the first passenger in order to make the ride to San Ignacio.”

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Jose Guerra, Belizean Taxi Driver

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We take time out this week to congratulate the Mayor of Benque Viejo Town, His Worship Nicholas Ruiz for taking swift and decisive action against an employee of the Council who was found to be engaged in dishonest fuel transactions at the expense of the council and taxpayers of the municipality, by extension.

The main factor fostering the perpetuation of dishonesty in any organization is when the person at the helm likewise engages in dishonesty and therefore lacks the moral fiber to take corrective action due to the risk of being exposed.

When the “boss” is stealing, everybody steals, and corruption flourishes while, in the public sector, the masses perish with increased taxation to satisfy the greed of the dishonest as the provision of essential goods and services to the wider community is severely curtailed.

It is no secret that the dishonest handling of fuel is a major cancer affecting MANY government Departments and Ministries. It is also widespread within the private sector. However, unlike Mayor Ruiz many of these Heads of Departments and Managers have their hands so deep inside the cookie jar that they become impotent in taking corrective action to stem the cancer.

We would therefore be remiss if we did not take time out this week to congratulate Mayor Nicholasito Ruiz for doing his part to protect the interest of the community he serves notwithstanding that the employee in question is closely related to a serving member of that western Town Council.

We likewise take this opportunity to inform STAR Readers and Advertisers that we will be proceeding on 14 days vacation for much needed rest and relaxation.

We will be returning on August 31. The next edition of the STAR Newspapers will be distributed on September 4.
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo
Thursday, August 13, 2009:
San Ignacio Police now have a new addition to their fleet of vehicles.
A new, black, 2009 Toyota Hilux, double cab, four wheel, standard transmission pickup truck today made its grand entrance into town.
The new vehicle, one of five recent additions to the national fleet, was purchased from Belize Diesel and Equipment Company.
Four of the vehicles were purchased by the Government of Belize and the fifth was donated by Belize Natural Energy.

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo,
Wednesday, August 12, 2009:
More than 1,000 books were today donated by the Mexican government to schools in Belize.
Twenty primary schools in the Corozal District will each receive a complete set of more than 50 books.
The collection, all in Spanish, covers subject areas such as Mathematics, Geography, Natural Sciences, History and Spanish.
A release from the Mexican Embassy informs that the aim of the Mexican government is to provide students and teachers with support material that can contribute to their performance, and which can be used as tools for those students who wish to develop their skills in the Spanish language.
For many years, the Mexican government has been donating books to Belizean schools through the Free Text Books National Commission of Mexico (Conaliteg) geared towards increasing cooperation in education and culture between both countries.
Belize House, Belmopan, August 10, 2009.
The Government Press Office informed that Mr. Denys Barrow SC was today formally appointed as a Resident Judge of the Belize Court of Appeal.
The 10:30 a.m. swearing in ceremony by the Governor-General Sir Colville Young, was held at the Belize House in Belmopan in the presence of the Honorable Prime Minister, Dean Barrow, and other members of Justice Barrow’s immediate family.
The Honorable Justice Denys Barrow possesses a vast and varied experience in the field of law. He was called to the Belize Bar in 1977 after qualifying from the Norman Manley Law School in Jamaica. Fresh out of law school he teamed up with Attorney Ernest Staine and for 17 years he practiced under the business name “Staine and Barrow”. In 1994 the “Staine and Barrow” partnership was dissolved giving birth to “Barrow & Co” with Justice Denys Barrow as the senior partner.
During his lustrous legal career Justice Barrow served as President of the Bar Association of Belize along with membership in the General Legal Council, among many others.
He was elevated to Senior Counsel in 1990 and In 2007, he was selected by the Bar Association of Belize for its prestigious “CUSTOS JUSTITIAE AWARD” for outstanding contribution to the legal profession and for “excellence in the practice of law”.

Governor General Sir Colville Young (R) was the first to congratulate Belize’s new Judge of the Court of Appeal, The Honorable Justice Denys Barrow (L), brother of the Hon. Prime Minister Dean Barrow.

During his long legal career, The Honorable Justice Denys Barrow has held several judicial appointments.
Between 2000 and 2005 he has acted as a High Court Judge in St. Lucia, Grenada and the British Virgin Islands. He was also appointed as an acting Judge of Supreme Court of Belize in 2004. More recently, he was a Justice of Appeal of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court from 2005 to 2008.

As is required by the Constitution of Belize, Justice Barrow’s appointment as a Judge of Belize’s Court of Appeal was approved by the Senate at a special sitting held on Thursday, August 6, 2009.
The Honorable Justice Denys Barrow will be taking over from Justice Boyd Carey who will be retiring in October of this year with the coming to an end of this year’s session of the Court of Appeal.
The other three serving Judges of the Court of Appeal are its President, the Honorable Justice Elliot Motley (Barbados), the Honorable Justice Manual Sosa (Belize) and the Honorable Justice Dennis Morrison (Jamaica). We are looking for one suspect whom they believe could assist in the investigation.

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The female told the police that at about 9:40 p.m., on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, she was socializing at the Pit Pan Nightclub in San Ignacio Town, when she went to use the female bathroom.
She told the police that she was accosted by a man of dark complexion who threatened her, force her into the bathroom and raped her.
She was issued with a pair of medico-legal forms and escorted to the San Ignacio Town hospital where the medical officer on duty confirmed recent sexual activity.
Police are now looking for one suspect whom they believe could assist in the investigation.
GEORGE PRICE CENTER
Belmopan City, Cayo, Friday, August 7, 2009:

After undergoing two days of Leadership Training conducted on April 25 & 26, 2009, the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award was issued to the participants during an official ceremony held on Friday, August 7, at the George Price Center For Peace in Belmopan where course participants each received certificates of achievement and a pin.

Immediately after the official ceremony, the awardees and invited guests were hosted for cocktail at the Belmopan residence of the British High Commissioner.

The list of dignitaries in attendance included the Governor General of Belize, Sir Colville Young and Lady Young; Attorney General and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Hon. Wilfred “Sedi” Elrington; Youth & Sports Minister, Hon. Elvin Penner; Belmopan’s Mayor Simeon Lopez, University of Belize President, Dr. Santos Mahung; Belize Telemedia Limited’s Chief Executive Officer, Dean Boyce among others.

Included in the list of recipients of the award were:

Superintendent of Police Dezerie Phillips, Scout Commander, Nephatli Palma; Community Policing Officer, Constable #140 Joshua Mckoy, Edgar Oroman, Linda Garcia, Maritza Ruiz, Cynthia Ellis and others.

Participants are allowed to set their own goals, and record their own progress. The only person they compete against is themselves, by challenging their own beliefs about what they can achieve. They discover what they are made of. They make an impact on their community. They develop a set of life skills and most of all, they have fun!

The International Award was founded by HRH (His Royal Highness) The Duke of Edinburgh, in 1956, in conjunction with Kurt Hahn, the German educationalist. Both were concerned that young people’s development was lacking in certain key areas, and they resolved to create a programme that would be a “do-it-yourself kit in the art of civilized living”.

Hahn persuaded The Duke of Edinburgh to chair a committee to oversee the programme’s development. It was this committee that decided the programme should adopt the principle of no competition and no membership requirements. In addition, it would respond to Hahn’s concern about the decline
The three weeks summer program for Benque Viejo Police Cadets began on Tuesday, July 7 in Benque Viejo Town.

In an effort to increase the intensity of the program, organizers are, this year, teaming up with several local organizations. This year’s program included:

A) ACTING & DRAMA sessions which were conducted under the direction of Elodia Itza and Jose Perez, both counsellors at Mount Carmel Primary School.

B) SPORTS coordinated by Eric Manzanero who is a serving member of the Benque Viejo Town Council. He was assisted by Marc Guzman.

C) ARTS & CRAFT, a new component of the program, was conducted by the Coordinator the Benque’s House of Culture, Nalleli Trujillo.

D) SELF DEFENSE was done under the guidance and supervision of Martial Arts Instructor Dale Schwerdtfeger.

The General Coordinators of Summer Program were Benque Viejo’s Community Policing Officer, Constable #140 Joshua McKoy and Roberto Itza.

The Cadets, the Benque Viejo Community Policing Unit and indeed the entire western Sub-Formation, extends a very special thank you to everyone who assisted in making possible the Cadets’ attendance to this year’s summer program a reality and an overwhelming success.

of compassion, skills, physical fitness and initiative in young people.

The new programme took the name of its founder and leader: The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award.

It later became known as ‘The International Award for Young People’ outside the UK.

The subsequent spread of the Award across the globe is testament to the universal appeal of the Programme, and the vision of its founder. However, even HRH admits that this took him by surprise. “When the first trial of the Award was launched in 1956, no one had any idea quite what would happen. In the event it was an instant success, and the Award has been growing and expanding worldwide ever since.”

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh has remained committed to the Award since its birth over fifty years ago. He continues to be involved, particularly in recognizing the achievements of Award participants and the adults who support them.

The camping expedition included entertainment by the cadets themselves as well as various presentation by several organizations.

There were also educational tours to several local sites of interest as well as survival training.

The highlight of the expedition was the traditional camp fire.

Benque Viejo Cadets were accompanied on the southern expedition by Woman Constable T. Higinio, Constable B. Villanueva and Constable J. McKoy as well as by Abder Patt, a civilian instructor from the western village of San Jose Succotz.

One of the goals of the southern expedition was to assist the cadets in developing special life skills and attitudes, which will help them in becoming productive and law abiding citizens.

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By: Dr. Bernard Sapp, New Generations Ministries, Dadeville, Alabama, USA:

On Friday, May 22nd 2009, Belizeans George and Romelia O’Brien travelled to Dadeville, Alabama for medical treatment of George’s deteriorating heart condition.

George and Romelia live in Santa Elena Town, Cayo, Belize, a small Central American country with limited medical equipment and services to treat heart patients.

Two weeks prior to their arrival, they were introduced to Dr. Bernard and Rev. Carolyn Sapp from New Generations Ministries (NGM) while they were on a mission in Belize.

Dr. Sapp has been actively involved in missionary work in that country since 1963 and his wife since 1987.

During their first meeting with the O’Brien’s Reverend and Doctor Sapp became immediately concerned for George’s ailing health. They made no commitments, but promised to inquire into the possibility of medical assistance when they returned to Alabama.

This was the beginning of a series of miraculous events. When the Sapp’s returned to Dadeville a couple days later they utilized their contacts within the New Generations Ministries and surrounding community to obtain support for the O’Briens.

Carolyn communicated with Dr. Ross Davis, cardiologist at the Institute of Advanced Cardiovascular Care in Alabama who agreed to evaluate and perform any necessary treatment for Mr. O’Brien.

A few days later, hosted by Dr. and Rev. Sapp, George and his wife Romelia arrived in Dadeville. Soon after, they were joined by their daughter Shirlene O’Brien Minge.

Their blessed journey continued with an appointment to Dr. Davis. After a catheterization and a CT scan were performed it was determined that Mr. O’Brien did not require aortic valve bypass surgery as was diagnosed in Belize but instead was immediately admitted to the East Alabama Medical Center for blood clots in the lungs and narrowing of his left descending artery (LAD).

Once there, a team of doctors and nurses provided medical care and services over the next few days. Mr. O’Brien received treatment for the clots in his lungs, and a stent was inserted into his LAD to improve blood flow. In addition, an MRI detected four abnormal cervical discs in his neck area for which he was treated.

Throughout the entire week of events, the O’Briens continued to receive support prayers from their host family, the Sapp’s and their brothers and sisters at New covenant Fellowship Church.

The O’Briens would like to take this opportunity to extend a heart-felt thanks to the doctors, nurses and support.
It was 5 o'clock last Sunday morning when a man who smelled like a distillery and a cigarette factory stumbled on board the Novelos Bus for the return ride home after a Saturday night on the town. He slams down on a seat next to a priest who was heading to the village to do the 6 o'clock Sunday morning mass. The man’s shirt was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half empty bottle of rum was sticking out of his torn shirt pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading. After a few minutes, the haggard looking man turned to the priest and asked, “Say, father, what causes arthritis?”

“Mister,” said the priest, “it’s caused by loose living, being with cheap women, too much alcohol and cigarettes and contempt for your fellow man.”

“Well I’ll be.” said the drunk as he returned to reading his newspaper.

The priest, thinking about what said the man, nudged him and apologized. “I’m very sorry. I didn’t mean to come on so strong. How long did you have arthritis?”

“I don’t have it father” responded the man. I was just reading here that the Pope does.”

Thomas showed up to work last Monday morning with a swollen left eye.

“What happened to you?” his co-workers asked.

“You guys will never believe this; I got hit in church yesterday,” exclaimed his friend. “You will have to explain that to us.”

Thomas began, “I was sitting in church yesterday when the priest told us to stand for the Lord’s Prayer and this was when I saw a BIG FAT lady standing in the row in front of me with her dress stuck deep in her butt. Now me being Mr. Nice Guy seeing that it looked uncomfortable for her, I bent over and politely pulled it out for her. Boy that lady got mad. She turned around and gave me the hardest blow I have ever felt.

The following Monday Thomas showed up for work with both eyes swollen and his mouth busted.

“What happened to you this time?” his friends asked. “And please don’t tell us that it happened in church again.”

“Come guys, gather around and let me give you the story.” said Thomas. “I went to church again yesterday and as usual the priest asked us to stand for the Lord’s Prayer, and there she was again, the same BIG FAT lady from last week, standing directly in front of me, And again she had her dress stuck deep in her butt. This time however, the gentleman standing next to me bent over and politely pulled it out for her. Now me being Mr. Nice Guy remembered that she does not like it out and so I bent over and politely pushed it back in for her.”

Ed Note: For the benefit of International Readers, the O’Obiens are respected members of the community. They live right down the Highway from the STAR Newspaper. They are like neighbors. Mr. George O'Brien is a retired Primary School Teacher. We are happy to know of the successful medical procedure.
Arthritis

WHAT IS ARTHRITIS?
Arthritis is a joint disorder featuring inflammation. A joint is an area of the body where two different bones meet. A joint functions to move the body parts connected by its bones. Arthritis literally means inflammation of one or more joints.

Arthritis is frequently accompanied by joint pain. Joint pain is referred to as arthralgia.

There are many types of arthritis (over 100 and growing).

The types of arthritis range from those related to wear and tear of cartilage - referred to as osteoarthritis.

There is the type associated with inflammation resulting from an overactive immune system - this is referred to as rheumatoid arthritis.

WHAT CAUSES ARTHRITIS?
The causes of arthritis depend on the form of arthritis. Causes include injury (leading to osteoarthritis), metabolic abnormalities (such as gout and pseudogout), hereditary factors, infections, and unclear reasons (such as rheumatoid arthritis and systemic lupus erythematosus).

Arthritis is classified as one of the rheumatic diseases. These are conditions that are different individual illnesses, with differing features, treatments, complications, and prognoses.

They are similar in that they have a tendency to affect the joints, muscles, ligaments, cartilage and tendons. Many of them have the potential to affect other internal body areas.

WHAT ARE SYMPTOMS OF ARTHRITIS?
Symptoms of arthritis include pain and limited function of joints.

Inflammation of the joints from arthritis is characterized by joint stiffness, swelling, redness, and warmth.

Tenderness of the inflamed joint can be present.

Many of the forms of arthritis, because they are rheumatic diseases, can cause symptoms affecting various organs of the body that do not directly involve the joints. Therefore, symptoms in some patients with certain forms of arthritis can also include fever, gland swelling (lymph node), weight loss, fatigue, feeling unwell, and even symptoms from abnormalities of organs such as the lungs, heart, or kidneys.

WHO IS AFFECTED BY ARTHRITIS?
Arthritis sufferers include men and women, children and adults. Approximately 350 million people worldwide have arthritis. More than half of those with arthritis are under 65 years of age.

HOW IS ARTHRITIS DIAGNOSED, AND WHY IS A DIAGNOSIS IMPORTANT?
The first step in the diagnosis of arthritis is a meeting between the doctor and the patient.

The doctor will review the history of symptoms, examine the joints for inflammation and deformity, as well as ask questions about or examine other parts of the body for inflammation or signs of diseases that can affect other body areas. Furthermore, certain blood, urine, joint fluid, and/or tissue tests are performed.

Rheumatoid arthritis usually affects joints symmetrically (on both sides of the body equally), may initially begin in a couple of joints only, and most frequently attacks the wrists, hands, elbows, shoulders, knees and ankles.

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**Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers**

**ARIES:** March 22 to April 20
Ignore anybody who wants to puncture your dreams or tells you that you can’t achieve your goals. Remember the words "can’t ever did nothing" and tell yourself and everyone else that you can! Lucky Numbers: 10, 31, 67.

**TAURUS:** April 21 to May 21
Remain alert to subtle changes going on in your home environment. Key issues are joint finances, a coming holiday and negotiations with a past partner or old friend. Lucky Numbers: 06, 23, 91.

**GEMINI:** May 22 to June 21
This is a great time to make the effort to meet new faces and visit favourite places. You need to feel you’re doing something new and different with your life now. Interest in finding new ways to make money is on the rise. Lucky Numbers: 14, 47, 85.

**CANCER:** June 22 to July 23
It might seem as things are moving too quickly; there’s a danger of missing important details. Try to keep up with the pace of those around you so you don’t miss out. Lucky Numbers: 18, 27, 95.

**LEO:** July 24 to August 21
Agree to differ if friends hold opposite views; why persist in an argument that isn’t ever going to be resolved? You’ll gain the respect you want through letting others see how tolerant and patient you can be. Lucky Numbers: 21, 03, 78.

**VIRGO:** August 22 to September 21
Trust your instincts and this will help you avoid problematic situations and maximise good opportunities. If you have a feeling that you’ll win a contest, game or competition, don’t let your brain talk you out of entering. Lucky Numbers: 30, 54, 62.

**LIBRA:** September 22 to October 23
Never feel you aren’t good enough to win or you don’t deserve a little luck. You might start to steer yourself towards new and exciting directions through taking note of the opportunities now around you. Lucky Number: 33, 76, 89.

**SCORPIO:** October 24 to November 21
A complicated matter needs attention. Deal with it the moment it arises or it could escalate. You need a few good nights’ sleep and this will help you see where you’ve been going wrong in the recent past. Lucky Numbers: 19, 39, 51.

**SAGITTARIUS:** November 22 to December 21
You might enjoy a modicum of success and even good fortune. A little speculation could bring a healthy profit. You’re willing to experiment with new ideas. Your intuition won’t let you down. Lucky Numbers: 01, 08, 77.

**CAPRICORN:** December 22 to January 20
You will refuse to be defeated and you fully intend to achieve the goals you set for yourself now. You’re feeling energetic and energised and your leadership qualities shine. Lucky Numbers: 22, 09, 54.

**AQUARIUS:** January 21 to February 19
Even if you go against the advice of friends or a financial advisor, you might still hit the jackpot. Your bright and breezy spirit brings out the best in everyone now. Lucky Numbers: 36, 43, 88.

**PISCES:** February 20 to March 21
You’re more outgoing, sociable and flexible than usual. You’re determined too, to bring about much needed changes in your life. Your perseverance won’t be short lived; you will stick at it, until happy with the results. Lucky Number: 20, 32, 45.

**Your Health This Week**

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X-ray tests might be ordered. The diagnosis will be based on the pattern of symptoms, the distribution of the inflamed joints, and any blood and X-ray findings. Several visits may be necessary before the doctor can be certain of the diagnosis. A doctor with special training in arthritis and related diseases is called a Rheumatologist. Many forms of arthritis are more of an annoyance than serious. However, millions of patients suffer daily with pain and disability from arthritis or its complications. Early and accurate diagnosis can help to prevent irreversible damage and disability. Properly guided programs of exercise and rest, medications, physical therapy, and surgery options can idealize long-term outcomes for arthritis patients. It should be noted that both before and especially after the diagnosis of arthritis, communication with the treating doctor is essential for optimal health. This is important from the standpoint of the doctor, so that he/she can be aware of the vagaries of the patient’s symptoms as well as their tolerance of, and acceptance of treatments. It is important from the standpoint of patients, so that they can be assured that they have an understanding of the diagnosis and how the condition does and might affect them. It is also crucial for the safe use of medications.

**HOW IS ARTHRITIS TREATED?**
The treatment of arthritis is very dependent on the precise type of arthritis present. An accurate diagnosis increases the chances for successful treatment. Treatments available include physical therapy, splinting, cold pack application, paraffin wax dips, anti-inflammatory medications, immune-altering medications, and surgical operations.
Mexican Students To Study English in Belize

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo, Thursday, August 6, 2009.
A group of 25 Mexican students arrived in Belize on August 4 to study English as a second language at the Regional Language Center of the University of Belize, Belmopan.

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo, Monday, August 10, 2009:
Primary and secondary school teachers from across the country are this week moving into the second half of Summer 2009 Continuous Professional Development (CPD) sessions organized by the Ministry of Education.

The program began on Monday, August 3, 2009 and is will be culminating on Friday, August 14th, 2009. The program for primary school teachers includes topic such as Early Childhood Education, Training and Development for Pre-school, Health and Family Life Education, Coaching, Effective delivery of the Math, Science and Language Arts curriculum, Leadership and Administration for School Leaders and Managers. These sessions will be held country-wide in the respective districts. Additionally sessions for the training of Physical Education teachers is being piloted in the Belize District this year and the lower division teachers from the Toledo District will receive training for the deliver the Spanish curriculum and teaching in the Multi-grade classroom.

In The Wake Of The Devastating Typhoon, Belize Student In Taiwan Are Safe

Monday, August 10, 2009:
Belize’s Charge d’Affaires/Chief of Mission in the Republic of China/Taiwan, H.E. Efrain Novelo today informed that during the final hours on Friday, August 7 and the early hours on Saturday, August 8, Taiwan was struck by Morakot, “one of the most devastating typhoons in recent Taiwan history.”

Ambassador Novelo informed that Morakot wreaked havoc in southern Taiwanese counties of Pingtung, Kaohsiung, Chiayi, and Tainan where it destroyed homes, schools, hotel buildings, roads and bridges, causing an estimated USD 40 million in agricultural losses (vegetables, crops and livestock).

He informed that preliminary reports indicate that 14 persons were killed in the storm and that another 51 persons were unaccounted for while the local media have been reporting that “hundreds” more were buried by rock/mudslides and are presumed to be dead.

He further informed that throughout the duration of the storm, the Embassy in Taiwan was in constant contact with Belizean students, including the Belizean doctor and nurse who are on short-term training in Taiwan. “The students in Pingtung county are doing fine” wrote Ambassador Novelo “except that their dorms still have lots of water.”

He additionally informed that “Taiwan has suffered one of its most devastating natural disasters in recent Taiwan history, and only time will tell the true figure of its economic and human resources losses. All of our students are doing fine, including Maynor Hernandez, Dalmar Lucas, Omir Castaneda, Marlon Parker and Luis Hernandez who were in the middle of the typhoon in Pingtung county.

Furthermore, special educators from across the country are similarly engaged in Special Education training which is being held in Belize City.

Sessions for secondary school teachers will be centralized in Belize City Campus of the University of Belize, Faculty of Education. The focus areas secondary school teachers include CSEC training in English A, English B, Clothing and Textiles, Food and Nutrition, Physics, Geography, and Information Technology.

The topics for advanced secondary school teachers includes: Leadership training for Heads of Departments, Keeping Teachers Motivated, and Teaching Strategies. While new secondary school teachers are participating in Writing Test and Classroom Management sessions.

The Ministry of Education informs that Professional Development Credits will be awarded by the Teacher Education and Development Services of the Ministry to all teachers in full attendance and gainful participation of any of the sessions.
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- **Submit to:** Ms. Javiola Aragon, Ministry of Education, Mahogany Heights Ext., Belize City
- **Progress Corner Bus Ext., Chavinburg Road**
SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (Reuters) Wed Aug 12, 2009
3:21pm EDT:

Costa Rican President Oscar Arias received treatment at home for the H1N1 swine flu virus on Wednesday, and officials said his symptoms were mild and he could recover by next week.

Health ministry doctors tested people who have been in recent contact with the president, including members of his Cabinet, Arias’ office said, a day after announcing he was ill with the virus.

Arias was being treated with the antiviral Tamiflu for symptoms like body aches and a sore throat, but was working on his computer and answering the telephone, presidential spokeswoman Lisbeth Barbosa said.

“He will probably be back to a full schedule next Monday,” she said.

More than 20 people in Costa Rica have died of swine flu, which was declared a pandemic on June 11 and has killed more than 800 people worldwide. The World Health Organization stopped trying to get a precise count of flu cases.

Arias is considered a high-risk case because he also suffers from asthma. He began feeling sick over the weekend and was tested for H1N1 on Monday.

Vice Health Minister Ana Morice on Wednesday afternoon told Costa Rican television that Arias no longer had a fever and was mainly suffering from a sore throat.

Last month, Arias brokered talks to resolve the political crisis in Honduras, where a de facto government unrecognized by most of the world has been holding power since the army ousted President Manuel Zelaya in a June 28 coup.

Negotiations broke down two weeks ago over whether the interim leadership would let Zelaya return to power. Arias’ illness is unlikely to affect the situation.

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MEXICO CITY (Reuters) - Tue Aug 11, 12:20 PM:

Mexican troops have found what may be a hide-out of the country’s No. 1 drug lord at a giant methamphetamine lab hidden in the northern Sierra among cabins equipped with caviar face cream and escort catalogues.

Mexican media published photos of a complex of 22 secluded mountain cabins, camouflaged to be invisible from the air. One was outfitted with a king-sized bed, luxury clothes, satellite television, pirated movies and high-speed Internet.

The daily Reforma said army officials suspected the well-equipped cabin was used by top fugitive Joaquin “Shorty” Guzman, leader of the powerful Sinaloa cartel, or his associate Ismael Zambada, to oversee operations at the largest synthetic drug lab ever found in Mexico.

Guzman, who escaped from a high-security jail in 2001 hidden in a laundry van, has eluded all attempts to catch him since President Felipe Calderon launched an army-led war on drug gangs on taking power in December 2006. Drug experts say he changes his cell phone every day to avoid being tracked.

Calderon’s drug war has become the biggest challenge of his presidency, as the army assault has sparked new turf wars and killings between rival cartels that have left more than 13,000 people dead, including many police, in under three years.

The army confirmed the discovery of the meth lab but did not comment on whether Guzman might have used it as a base.

The secret complex is located in the same region of the northern state of Durango where Guzman, in his mid-fifties, married an 18-year-old beauty pageant winner in a lavish secret ceremony in 2007. A local archbishop said in June that Guzman was known to be living in the area.

The cabins have running water and some had catalogues of models and actresses with photos and contact information.

Guzman, nicknamed Shorty for his 5-feet tall stature, is blamed for setting off a wave of killings in the northern border cities of Ciudad Juarez and Tijuana in recent months after he tried to muscle in on the territory of local cartels.

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BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo, Thursday, August 13, 2009: The Ministry of Human Development and Social Transformation is holding a workshop on techniques in community development and mobilization at the Belize Institute of Management in Belize City.

The workshop is being conducted under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Human Development and Social Transformation, in collaboration with the University of the West Indies Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, Mona Campus and the Caribbean Internship Programme.

Dr. Peta Anne Baker, the Head of the Social Work Unit and President of the Association of Caribbean Social Work Educators is facilitating the training.

Dr. Baker is well known in the Caribbean for her work in community development and community mobilization. She is the author of several scholarly articles and pieces of research published in international professional journals and publications.

The workshop is geared towards aiding social work practitioners within the Ministry in strengthening their community mobilization and advocacy skills.

The workshop began on Wednesday, August 12 and will end on Friday, August 14th. For more information contact Ava Pennill, Director, Human Services Department, Belize City, Telephone: 227-3898. 

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I did not know any of the two marijuana. I told the police that me a bag which contained the street and went into parked my car on the side Police Station as requested. Benque, I proceeded directly to Benque. Upon arriving in San Ignacio Town near the Texaco Gas Station. I proceeded into San Ignacio Town as a taxi driver, we run the risk, from time to time, of transporting passengers with illegal goods. However, it would also be unprofessional for us to be questioning passengers about the contents of their bags. Although I am out on bail, my car, the equipment of my trade, the only source for an income to address the needs of my family, is now sitting motionless and deteriorating inside the compound at the police station in Benque Viejo Town. I have sought the assistance of an Assistant Commissioner of Police and the Ombudswoman. They have both graciously promised to assist me in securing the return of my car so that I may resume working. Unfortunately up to today I have not gotten any response from them. I am appealing to the Director of Public Prosecutions, to the Police Internal Affairs Unit or whoever can help me. I need to begin paying my bills and caring for my family and I want the public to know that I am not a drug trafficker.”

The members of the Commission were confirmed by the Senate on 28 July 2009 and formally appointed by the Governor General on 30 July 2009. All appointments are for a period of two years commencing 1 August 2009.

A release from the office of the Clerk of the National Assembly informs that the Commission is guided in its work by the Prevention of Corruption Act 2007, which includes measures to prevent and combat corruption, as well as to investigate corrupt activities by persons in public life. Those persons in public life include members of the House of Representatives and Senate as well as the Mayor and Councillors of all cities and Town Boards.
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